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ASSESSMENTS REMOVED.

Barren County Relieved of Its Fourteen Per Cent. Raise.

The State Board of Equalization, in session at Frankfort last week, removed the intended raise of 14 per cent. on land and 8 on lots in Barren county. The effect of oil wells in that county gave a fictitious valuation to property.

Clark was reduced from 8 to 3 per cent. on land and the 5 on town lots was taken off.

Todd county got a reduction from 20 to 16 per cent. raise on land, and the 8 on town lots was not removed. Webster and Boone could not establish their claim to a reduction and the 20 per cent. increase on land and 4 on town lots in Boone will remain as first fixed by the board. Nicholas county was reduced on land from 20 to 12 per cent., and Allen had the 6 per cent. on land removed.

A few more counties notified the board of their desire for a hearing. The Secretary will now make his calculations of the amounts raised or decreased in each county, and tabulate the assessed and equalized valuations, after which Auditor Norman will be ready to send the official action of the board and authority to the Sheriff in each county for beginning at once upon the collection of the revenue. This official notice could be sent some time next week, but the Legislature not having acted upon the tax rate, which is part of the Revenue and Taxation bill, may cause a delay. The rate for the past two years was 4 1/2 cents on the \$100 valuation, and, of course, unless it is repealed it will continue as the rate for the present year. While it is not, therefore, necessary that the Legislature should take action on the tax rate, there is good reason to believe that in the general and wholesale changes in the revenue law now under consideration the tax rate is almost likely to be also somewhat affected. If Sheriffs then should begin to collect at 4 1/2 cents and learn a month later that the rate had been increased or lowered, it would not only make double trouble and annoyance for them, but also worry and confuse the taxpayers who may be required to pay the extra taxes.

FLOODS IN THE SOUTH.

The Destruction to Life and Property Has Been Awful.

Reports sent out from West Point, Miss., of the devastation caused by the late washouts have not been at all exaggerated, but, in fact, understated. Destruction both of property and life has been awful, and the end is not yet at hand. The Mobile & Ohio, Georgia Pacific and Illinois Central railroads have all been blocked up for the past seven days, but the first named is able to get two trains a day through. The damage done on the Mobile & Ohio in the vicinity of West Point alone will not fall short of \$40,000, while the other two roads have been each damaged at least twice that sum.

The first train for seven days on the Georgia Pacific passed through West Point on the 15th inst., but did not go as far as Columbus. All the creeks have exhausted their over-supply of water, but the Tombigbee river is yet as high as ever, and is causing great damage.

The loss of life along the Tombigbee river is said to be nearly 250, principally negroes. Much stock has been drowned, and crops washed away, while planting is necessarily retarded. The damage to bridges, stock, buildings and crops on the Tombigbee, in one county alone, will reach \$100,000.

The flood is raging in the Mississippi. At Memphis, on the 15th, it was in a few inches of the danger line. The bottoms are covered with water below Memphis, and several persons have been drowned.

A VOTING MACHINE.

Impossible to Vote Twice or Fraudulently, and Counts the Vote.

The Meyers voting machine was first put into practical operation at Lockport, New York, Tuesday. Representatives of leading papers throughout the State and many politicians from the neighboring States as well as New York were in attendance. The machine was unanimously voted a success. The booth is constructed of iron and is about seven feet high by five feet square. The ordinary voter did not require more than from ten to fifteen seconds to register his ballots for between 15 and 20 candidates. By the workings of the machine it is absolutely impossible to vote twice or fraudulently. The button opposite any candidate's name being pushed in, is at once locked, as are the buttons of other candidates for the same office, only the button being pushed registering. The closing of the exit door unlocks the buttons and the booth is ready for the admission of another voter. The machine is a time and money saver.

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KENTUCKY LAND GRANTS.

Complications That Exist in the Eastern Section of the State.

The action of the General Assembly in passing the bill requiring that persons bringing suit on old Virginia and Kentucky land claims based on patents dating prior to 1882, shall have paid taxes on the land for the past twenty years, calls up a rather peculiar state of affairs in the mountains, especially between and adjacent to the branches of the Big Sandy, where, within the past ten years, hundreds of thousands of acres of land have been thrown into litigation. This land has been settled up and occupied under the laws of Kentucky within the last seventy or eighty years. About ten years ago, when, by reason of the great development of the mineral resources of the mountain districts, this land began to increase in value, certain persons in the East laid claim to thousands of acres of the title to which had been unquestioned for half a century. These claims were at first laughed to scorn, till it developed that there was at least some shadow of reason in the claims urged. Many years ago, it develops, the State of Virginia granted certain tracts of land in the then county of Kentucky to citizens of Virginia. Some of the beneficiaries crossed the Blue Ridge and located their grants, defining the boundaries with reference to natural objects. They would return to Virginia, and others would obtain grants by describing tracts of land by reason of their situation with reference to the land already described. Those obtaining the concessions of land in many instances never were in the country west of the mountains and their claims had long since been forgotten in Virginia, and had never been heard of by the settlers in Kentucky, when the Eastern claimants, as stated, presented themselves a few years since.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

The County Superintendent of Perry Probably Fatally Wounded.

Word reached here last week that G. L. Combs, County Superintendent of Perry county, was shot from ambush on Tuesday while going on horseback from Hazard to his home, fourteen miles distant from the county seat. The shooting occurred at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, on Carr's Fork, near his residence. The ball seems to belong to a rifle. It entered the loins, and the wounded man thinks it will prove fatal.

No clew to the guilty persons has yet been discovered. Persons near by heard the discharge of the gun and supposed it some one hunting squirrels, but Mr. Combs came galloping up and told them that he was shot.

Mr. Combs is one of the best men in Perry county, and a most efficient officer. He has been making great progress in building up the schools of the county that had been neglected for several years on account of the feudal war that had been raging there. He had no connection with the French-Eversole feud. He has been having trouble with his neighbors over real estate transactions, and the presumption is that these have been the cause of the tragedy. The Sheriff and posse started at once in search of the would be assassins.

A Turfman With a History.

The Louisville Truth in noting the fact that James T. Williams, the well-known and popular turfman of Eminence, had purchased a handsome building to on Fourth avenue, Louisville, and would at once erect a fine residence, to be occupied by his family when completed, adds: "Mr. Williams is a turfman with a history. He began life as a newsboy on the railroad trains between Frankfort and Lexington, but being a smart fellow with an eye to the main chance, he got out of that business as he found something better to do. This led into the thoroughbred horse business. The first valuable horse he ever owned was that honest old campaigner, Fair Play. Afterward he owned the great Checkmate, Enquirer, Aspinwall, Bob Miles, Tom Hood, and the Hon. John G. Carlisle; my secretary other good ones. Checkmate alone made him a fortune in the east. Mr. Williams was also the original owner of Luke Blackburn, which great horse he sold to the Dwyers, in his two-year-old form, for \$2,500. He is a rich man now, and very naturally comes to the metropolis of his State to live in style and comfort. He has a great many friends in Louisville who will be glad to welcome him as a permanent resident."

NEW WORLD'S FAIR SCHEME.

An Immense Dormitory for the Use of Women Who will Visit the Big Show.

Mrs. Potter Palmer and nine other well-known women connected with the Board of Lady Managers of the World's Fair at a meeting recently held at Chicago decided to organize under the name of "Chicago Woman's Dormitory Association," with the purpose of erecting a building for the accommodation of women visiting Chicago during the Fair, particularly those of limited means. Active arrangements were left in the hands of Mrs. Matilda B. Carse. The site, it is expected, will be within twelve squares of Jackson Park and will be contributed free by George M. Pullman. The aim is to have a structure that will comfortably lodge 5,000 women at a cost of thirty to forty cents a day each.

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MURDEROUS SCHEME.

Mutineers Among the Soldiers Located at Coal Creek, Tenn.

Mutiny is the latest thing in the camps of the army of Tennessee stationed on the mountain overlooking the convict stockade and works of the Knoxville iron company at Coal Creek. Twelve privates have been holding little secret meetings, and they formed a clique called "The Dirty Dozen," with documents drawn up swearing allegiance to one another in an attempt to overpower the guards and hang two of the non-commissioned officers, who, it seems, had won the dislike of these rebels.

One of the men weakened and gave the whole thing away to the officers, and now eleven of the twelve are in chains, under heavy guard, awaiting court martial. The principal leader of the mutineers is Alley Moore, an ex-convict, who had just been pardoned by the governor for desertion from the same camp and army. Every day adds a few to the number of soldiers stationed there, but the miners, from all appearance, have given up all idea of trying to remove them.

Wants Palmer.

A Lexington correspondent to the Courier-Journal, signing himself "A Rank and File Democrat," writes: "It is of the utmost importance that the Democratic party, of which I am a humble member and non-office-holder, must lay aside all personal preferences and nominate a man for President at Chicago who will win the race. My first choice is Kentucky's gifted and favorite son and personal preference would be honest Grover Cleveland, and so on, but my judgment is that we should nominate a Western man, true and tried as a Democrat, and whose motto is: Revenue reform and popular government for the people and by the people, and his name is John B. Palmer, of Illinois, rocked in the cradle of Democracy, the soldier, statesman and patriot, whose backbone is large enough, stiff enough and strong enough to stand up for justice and equality to the whole people. Let us go to Chicago in search of such a man, determined to let our personal preferences take a back seat, and we will certainly win. I am old enough to have seen many Presidential contests, and can testify that when the Democrats won they always nominated men for availability. Not from choice of the leaders or factions, Palmer and Russell would sweep the country."

A Candidate's Decadence.

The organs are rapidly coming in out of the wet. The Indianapolis Sentinel, the leading Democratic paper in Indiana, has deserted Gray, who is only a Hill foil, and is advocating Cleveland. The Brooklyn Eagle, the organ of the King county Democracy, has declared for Cleveland. The Syracuse Journal, another influential paper in New York State, has shifted to Cleveland. The State Ledger, one of the leading papers in Mississippi, and whose editor introduced a resolution indorsing Hill the day he addressed the Mississippi Legislature, has discarded Hill and declares that "the nominee must be Cleveland." The Selma Times-Mail, which frequently boasted that it was the "original Hill advocate in Alabama," has declared for Cleveland. The Memphis Ledger, which a few weeks ago was advising Tennessee newspapers to join the Hill procession if they wanted to be "in it" has nothing more to say in Hill's behalf, and its editor, who has recently been in New York, stated to a Washington reporter that Hill's name would not go before the convention, but that Cleveland would have a walk-over for the nomination.—Knoxville Tribune.

Justifiable Murder.

Isaac Axton, who about one month ago stabbed big Jim Wilson, a revenue storekeeper, in a street fight at Owensboro, was acquitted last week on the ground of self-defense. Axton stated under oath that he had carried an open dirk knife in his pocket for three months in anticipation of a murderous assault by the John Felands, Nos. 1 and 2.

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